

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2269 without my signature.

This bill would authorize a public utility to receive solar incentives authorized by the SB 1 (Murray).

When I embarked on creating the Million Solar Roofs Plan, the goal was to get 3,000 megawatts of customer-generated solar power in an effort to encourage distributed generation to sustain our electrical grid and build a robust and commercially viable solar industry in California.

This bill undermines those goals by awarding solar incentives directly to the utility rather than to their customers. Although this bill is narrowly tailored, signing it would open the door from other utilities throughout the state that would seek similar treatment. If we wish to maintain this program, this cannot occur. I will not sign any bill that undermines this program by shifting the rebates it offers from customers to a publicly- or investor-owned utility.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger